



Title: One Last Lie

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Description:

Never trust a man without secrets. These are the last words retired game warden Charley Stevens speaks to his surrogate son, Warden Investigator Mike Bowditch, before the old man vanishes without explanation into a thousand miles of forest along the Canadian border. Mike suspects his friend's sudden disappearance has to do with an antique badge found at a flea market—a badge that belonged to a warden who was presumed dead fifteen years ago but whose body was never recovered. On a mission to find Charley before he meets a similarly dark fate, Mike must reopen a cold case that powerful people, including his fellow wardens—one of whom might be a killer—will do anything to keep closed.

Reviews

[Publishers Weekly](#) (starred review):

Edgar finalist Doiron artfully blends a whodunit plot with superior characterizations in his top-notch 11th mystery featuring Mike Bowditch, who works for the Maine Warden Service (after 2019's *After Midnight*)...Doiron vividly portrays the Maine woods setting while maintaining taut suspense. This entry reinforces the author's position in the front rank of regional thriller writers.

Booklist:

Doiron's masterful plotting pulls it all together, and the reader gets to meet an odd assortment of extraordinarily well-defined characters—good guys and bad—while learning more about both the natural and the political history of the Pine Tree State.

[The Associated Press:](#)

This novel is something of a departure for Doiron...the suspenseful, fast-paced plot has more twists and turns than usual in a Mike Bowditch novel.

[Criminal Element:](#)

Paul Doiron surprises the reader at every turn...Maine['s] wild, untamed places [...] come to life on every page.